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December 6, 2013

Mr. Dennis M. McLerran, Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10
1200 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98101

RE: Washington State Designation Recommendations for the 2012 National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Particulate Matter

Dear Mr. McLerran:

As the Governor's designee for the State Implementation Plan (SIP), I am submitting recommended designations for the new primary annual national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) for fine particles (PM_{2.5}).

On December 14, 2012, EPA revised the primary annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS (78 FR 3086, January 15, 2013). In that action, EPA strengthened the primary annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS from 15.0 micrograms per cubic meter (µg/m³) to 12.0 µg/m³. EPA retained the following NAAQS:

- Primary 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS at 35 µg/m³
- Primary 24-hour PM₁₀ (coarse particle) NAAQS at 150 µg/m³
- Current suite of PM secondary NAAQS.

The Clean Air Act provides each state with an opportunity to recommend designations of attainment (meets the NAAQS), nonattainment (does not meet the NAAQS), or unclassifiable (insufficient information) for all areas of the state. I recommend the designations listed in Table 1 by county.

Table 1: Designation Recommendations for Washington by County

County	Design Value	Designation Recommendation
Clark	7.0	Attainment
King	5.9	Attainment
Pierce	7.5	Attainment
Snohomish	7.3	Attainment
Spokane	7.4	Attainment
Yakima	8.7	Attainment



Rest of Washington (Adams, Asotin, Benton, Chelan, Clallam, Columbia, Cowlitz, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Grant, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, Kitsap, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lewis, Lincoln, Mason, Okanogan, Pacific, Pend Oreille, San Juan, Skagit, Skamania, Stevens, Thurston, Walla Walla, Whatcom, Whitman)	N/A	Unclassifiable (insufficient monitoring data)
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I have enclosed a spreadsheet with the monitoring data supporting these designation recommendations. I also enclosed a map created using "EPA's PM_{2.5} Designations Mapping Tool" that shows all of Washington's monitors have design values below 12.0 µg/m³.

Ecology met all state and federal procedural requirements. We published notice of the public comment period and opportunity to request a hearing on its website on September 13, 2013, which meets the requirement of 31 days advance notice. We did not hold a hearing because we did not receive a request for one. However, we did receive written comments. The enclosed Concise Explanatory Statement includes a compilation of public comments we received and our response to comments.

If you have any questions, please contact Richelle Perez at (360) 407-7528 or richelle.perez@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



Maia D. Bellon
Director

Enclosures

cc: Jeff Hunt, EPA (w/ enclosures)
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Records file (w/ enclosures)

PM2.5 Designation Recommendations by County

County	Design Value	Designation Recommendation
Adams	N/A	Unclassifiable
Asotin	N/A	Unclassifiable
Benton	N/A	Unclassifiable
Chelan	N/A	Unclassifiable
Clallam	N/A	Unclassifiable
Clark		7.0 Attainment
Columbia	N/A	Unclassifiable
Cowlitz	N/A	Unclassifiable
Douglas	N/A	Unclassifiable
Ferry	N/A	Unclassifiable
Franklin	N/A	Unclassifiable
Grant	N/A	Unclassifiable
Grays Harbor	N/A	Unclassifiable
Island	N/A	Unclassifiable
Jefferson	N/A	Unclassifiable
King		5.9 Attainment
Kitsap	N/A	Unclassifiable
Kittitas	N/A	Unclassifiable
Klickitat	N/A	Unclassifiable
Lewis	N/A	Unclassifiable
Lincoln	N/A	Unclassifiable
Mason	N/A	Unclassifiable
Okanogan	N/A	Unclassifiable
Pacific	N/A	Unclassifiable
Pend Oreille	N/A	Unclassifiable
Pierce		7.5 Attainment
San Juan	N/A	Unclassifiable
Skagit	N/A	Unclassifiable
Skamania	N/A	Unclassifiable
Snohomish	6.8 / 7.3	Attainment
Spokane		7.4 Attainment
Stevens	N/A	Unclassifiable
Thurston	N/A	Unclassifiable
Walla Walla	N/A	Unclassifiable
Whatcom	N/A	Unclassifiable
Whitman	N/A	Unclassifiable
Yakima		8.7 Attainment

PM2.5 Designation Recommendations by Monitor

Monitor	Design Value	Designation Recommendation
53-011-0013 8205 NE Fourth Plan Rd, Vancouver, WA	7.0	Attainment
53-033-0080 Beacon Hill S	5.9	Attainment
53-053-029 South L Street	7.5	Attainment
53-061-0005 6120 212th St SW, Mountlake Terrace, WA	6.8	Attainment
53-061-0020 1085 Fir St	7.3	Attainment
53-063-0021 E. Auguasta Ave	7.4	Attainment
53-077-0009 402 South 4th Ave	8.7	Attainment

